We have made special reductions on all our holiday stock, in order to make your gift-giving fall less heavily on your purse. We have not waited till after the holidays to reduce our prices-we have already done so, and made special arrangements to meet the rush. Extra salesmen, extra wagons. For the late comers we have made arrangements to deliver Christmas morning, and we will be open till noon on that day.

"Cash or Credit."

Lansburgh Furniture Co., 1226 F.St. N.W.

Give Gifts of Furs

-to your mother, wife, sweetheart or sister this Christmas.

Time yet to pick out a stylish fur crea-tion! Superb line of Fur Capes, Sealskin . Jackets, Collarettes of every style fur; Muffs, Neck Boas, etc. Come immediately and select your fur gift. You can rely on our . qualities, styles and prices.

B. H. Stinemetz & Sons, Furriers and Hatters, 1237 Pa. ave. de23-28d

Elphonzo Youngs Company.

The Largest, Cleanest and Brightest Retail Store of Food Products and Other Household Articles in the City.

Pure Mayette Grenoble Walnuts-

This is the place to buy Nuts==sure.

We wouldn't have the trade for them if they

Genuine Louisiana Creole Pecans-

These are the choicest Pecans that are known to the trade, and we have more of them in stock than all the other stores in Washington combined. We have the trade for them because they are so far superier to the Texas Pecan, which the other steres are selling.

This is the place to buy Nuts-sure.

Elphonzo Youngs Co., Wholesale and Retail Grocers, 428 Ninth Street, Bet. D and E.

mas, as usual.-E. Y. Co.

A Rare Chance For Gift Buyers.

You may take your choice of any of our high-grade lamps and lamp globes at greatly reduced prices. We want to dispose of the stock before the new yearthat's why we've cut the prices. Those of you who have gifts yet to buy should visit our store today or tomorrow.

A Brass or Iron Open Fireplace Set makes a rich gift. We have the hand-

E. F. Brooks Co., 531 15th St. Corcoran

CARD!

I desire to state that, notwithstanding statements made by others to the contrary, I will positively retire from the jewelry business January 1, and am now offering my entire stock at public auction.

Gerome Desio, 1107 F St.

J.JayGould

Teys, Tree Ornaments, Scrap Book Pictures, Fancy Paper, Borders, Paper Napkins, Favors, Masks, Japanese Toys, Candles, Tinsel, Glass Ball., "Snow," "Wonder Package" 10c., Studies, Paper Dolls, Games, Paper Flowers made to order, materials for making paper fancy work. Wonders for Christmas! Wholesale and retail. no20-1m*

100 Doz. Hair Switches

Louvre Glove Store.

Hickory Nuts!

Another lot of Hickory Nuts arrived today, but they'll not linger long. If we haven't your order on file you'd better send it in at once. Only enough here 50c. pk. W. R. Brown, 20th & Pa. ave.

We Want You to Expect Us to Make Better Photos than you've ever had made before. We want you to look for the most natural, graceful, artistic poses—the daintiest atyle of finishing photos. We won't disappoint you. We've been told, time and time again, that we do better and better work every day. W. H. Stalee, 1107 F St.,

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We shall be closed all day Saturday—Christmas Open tonight and tomorrow night until late.

Special prices

rule in every department. There's plenty of everything in all the holiday lines -- for sensible, servicable, wearable gifts. The Saks kind.

The store reputation stands by you in the hurry and bustle of these last hours. You can buy freely==confidently==for there's only quality to be had == safe, sound, honest quality.

We've extra help, that we may serve you promptly. Our deliveries will be made on time. Purchases to be shipped away carefully packed and forwarded. Stacks of fancy boxes == free.

Initials engraved free on all metal-mounted Umbrellas and Canes.

Saks and Company,

"Saks' Corner." ************************

Leaders In Five Cities.

Open till 9 p.m.

THINK QUICK! Never Mind the Cash.

If your pocket book is getting thin—and there are still presents to get, take advantage of our offer of credit. It's free to everybody-easiest weekly or monthly payments ever KNOWN.

Presents for Everybody!

Parlor and Banquet Lamps-Porcelain or Silk Shades-\$2.50 up. Onyx Top Tables, Ladies' Dressing Tables, Combination Book Cases and Writing Desks.

Leather Furniture, Reception Chairs, Sideboards, Chiffoniers, China Closets, Parlor Suites, Bed Room Suites, Carpets, Rugs, &c.

We are doing the lion's share of the holiday businessbecause our prices are lower than those of the cash stores and we've made the buying so easy. Help yourself.

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Two Young Men Accused of Burglariz-

ing a Store.

Two young men who gave their names as Harry Williams and Patrick Duffy were brought here from Baltimore yesterday by charged with burglarizing the store of M. Tregor & Co., No. 1229 E street. More than fifty razors were taken from the store, and the prisoners were found in Baltimore trying to sell them at second-

When the men were arrested the Balti-more house of the firm was notified and word was then sent here to Inspector Mat-tingly notifying him of their capture. In conversation with Detective Muller the prisoners denied that they had committed the robbery and claimed that the razors were given to them by a stranger. Detective Muller learned that the men had been in this city for several days previous to the robbery. Tomorrow they will be given a hearing in the Police Court.

Two Appointments Made. William Kemp has been appointed a firstclass private on the police force, vice W. L. Harries, resigned, the appointment to take effect from the 23d instant. Thomas J. Dawson has been appointed a watchman at the Washington Asylum at an annual salary of \$365, vice Veasey, the appointment to take effect from the 23d

Next Tuesday night the Choral Society will give their annual performance of "The Messiah" at the First Congregational Church, corner 10th and G streets, assisted by Mme. de Diaz Albertini, Miss Fielding Roselle, Mr. E. C. Toune and Mr. Ericsson Detective Muller and are locked up, Bushnell as soloists, and Prof. John Porter Lawrence, organist, under the direction of Prof. Josef Kaspar. Tickets have been on sale during the past week at John F. Ellis & Co.'s, 937 Pennsylvania avenue, and already the seats are pretty well taken. Very few gallery seats remain, and the body of the house is sold to a considerable extent, and all the indications point to a fuil house next Tuesday. In the case of such a production as "The Messiah" one should obtain a copy of the oratorio several days in advance of the concert, and become familiar with the words of the various numbers. The Novello edition can be built at any music store and continue beight at any music store, and contains both words and music, and is a pocket edition that can be taken to the concert with-out inconvenience. Those who have once studied an oratorio in this way before its rendition will never again care to hear one without such previous study, or without the libretto in hand during the perform-

What Dr. Kelly Says. Dr. D. J. Kelly, who was with Count de Vecchi when the poisonous mushrooms were eaten, denies emphatically that the mr. Oyster Much Better.

Mr. George M. Oyster, sr., continues to improve and strong hopes are now felt that he will regain his former good health.

Were eaten, defines emphatically that the count was experimenting with the food. The mushrooms when they were prepared were carefully compared with the publication issued by the Agricultural Department, and the count was convinced they were of the edible variety. Dr. Kelly says the count never conducted any experiments with mushrooms, as far as he knew.



An American gentleman who spent the summer in Europe recently, asserted that Ripans Tabules must have an enormous sale. "Why," he said, "I ran across them everywhere over there." "But," said his interlocutor," "they are not advertised there at all, and I doubt if they are on sale. You must be talking through your hat when you say that you find them all over Europe." Thus warned, his companion became more circumspect, and this is what he said: "Well, in Vienna I met a gentleman who, speaking of the ills of traveling, especially of hasty eating and sometimes bad cooking, said: 'but I have a cure for that,' and he produced a vial of Ripans Tabules from his vest pocket, 'just like that,' said the man, producing one himself out of his own pocket. Then in Constantinople I met another American and had with him a somewhat similar experience. He had a vial of the Tabules in his pocket too. And there was a third case at some point, I don't remember just where now, but somewhere in northern Europe." "These men must have carried them over with them," said his friend, " for I am certain the goods are not on sale over there." "Well, I don't know how they got them," said the first speaker, "but they had them, and so did I, for that matter, and as I carried mine over with me, very likely they did theirs toe."

Big Illicit Trade in the Holiday

POLICE WARNED AND ON THE ALERT

The Licensed Dealers' Suffer Loss of Custom.

It is anticipated that the speakeasies will do a bigger business during the holidays than at the ordinary seasons, and for this reason the police have been told to use every effort to detect and punish these violators of law. There was a time when speakeasies were more numerous in one of the villages in the county than are the licensed saloons in what was once so familiarly known as "Rum Row." Although most of these places were broken up, the police are of the opinion that the thirsty ones among the inmates of the Soldiers' Home are not obliged to go far to satisfy their appetites.

Maj. Moore, in his recent annual report called attention to the question of speakeasies. "There were ninety-six more cases of intoxication and disorderly conduct during the past year than there were during

ing the past year than there were during the previous year," he says. "and this offense, as well as others, would be largely reduced were the police fully sustained in the work against speakeasies, grocery saloons, road houses and brewery selling on Sundays.

"Most of the trouble experienced by the police occurs in thickly settled localities where a drink and a drunk can be had for one price, and it would be to the advantage of the citizen and property holder were licenses for the sale of liquor confined to the business thoroughfares. The tough element purchases from the alley or corner grocery having a wholesale license, in a residence community, where, in order to evade the law which prevents drinking on the premises, it is largely procured in receptacles from which liquors are drunk on the adjoining street corner or in the nearby alley.

"Those who practice to assist in evacious."

by alley.

"Those who practice to assist in evasions of the law induce the disorderly and criminal classes to reside in such a locality to the disparagement and discomfort of the better classes. One need but investigate to observe such drinking from receptacles often furnished by the dealer. If all licenses were confined to business streets, as I have suggested, the establishments would be under the constant surveillance of the police and result in a stricter adherence to the and result in a stricter adherence to the law and in the commission of less crime

Difficulties Experienced.

Because of certain conditions, the police find it difficult to get some of the owners of speakeasies into court. Despite the troublesome feature of the law, however, many offenders have been caught and sent to jail.

As already stated, the police are making an extra effort to break up many of these places now. It is not only in the small stores that the illegal liquor traffic is carried on, so the police say, but many per-sons living in private houses carry a small stock for the benefit of their friends who stock for the benefit of their friends who have the money to spend. This kind of selling is done largely in alleys, where only residents of the particular by-way are taken into the confidence of the dealer. Occasionally, however, outsiders or "guests" are permitted to enter, and they are required to spend their money by proxy. Then, tob, there is liquor sold, it is alleged, at "cake walks" and "parlor socials," and there are a number of persons who give such entertainments at almost regular intervals. An admission of 10 or 15 cents is charged, and this includes cake L5 cents is charged, and this includes cake and wine, and it is this wine that so fre-quently causes scrimmages with fatal re-

Then there are walking "speakeasies." law have been apprehended. This class of offenders confine their operations almost exclusively to Sunday mornings, and it has frequently been stated that many of them were in the employ of licensed rum sellers. Some of them go from house to house and sell drinks from bottles, while others carry a supply of half-pints, which they sell at any price, from ten to twenty-five cents. The lowest penalty for the offense is a fine of \$250, but as the penalty for default is usually a few months on the farm or in jail, many persons are willing to take the

Licensed dealers are the ones who suffer most from the "speakeasies." The trade taken from them, it is estimated, amounts to thousands of dollars annually. Frequently complaints are made by licensed dealers against those who are engaged in the ille-

known in the case Speaking of the illegal traffic, a saloon keeper said to a Star reporter that his trade had been very much cut up because of the presence in his neighborhood of places where the patrons are required to "speak easy" when calling for a drink. "I can see kegs or boxes of beer delivered

gal traffic, but they are never willing to be

at the houses almost every day," he said, "and the amount is large enough to almost supply my trade. While I have never been in the houses to see what is done with the beer, I am certain it is not given away, nor is it thrown away, and the people in the houses could not consume a day's delivery in a month. "But what can I do about it?" he asked

"The people are my neighbors and sup-posed friends, and if I complain I make enemies of the whole neighborhood, and that would result in the destruction of what little business I have left. But I suppose the time will come when they will be broken up and the trade will again find its way back to the legitimate channel. "I suppose," he concluded, "that I ought to be thankful that the 'speak easies' can't get my 'growler' trade from me, for the

carrying of tin buckets, pitchers and coffee pots openly to the houses would mean that the police would soon learn of what had

Fresh Every Day.

The police say they have reason to be lieve that in many of these places, as well as in some of the cheaper bar rooms, there is whisky made fresh every day. This home-made stock has a burning sensation which pleases those who are unable to detect the counterfeit from the genuine, and the more it burns the better they seem to like it. Mixed drinks of various kinds are made in the alley "speak stasies," a favorite one known as "gilmore," a mixture of blackberry brandy and gin being the most

popular.

Because of the difficulty the police experience in getting patrons of the places to make affidavits, many illieft bars manage to run for months without molestation. But sooner or later the officers find there is trouble of some kind, and then some of the But sooner or later the officers find there is trouble of some kind, and then some of the victimized ones are willing to tell all they know and swear to it. In some of the places the proprietors are bold enough to entertain both men and wemen, and some allow the use of cards in order to detain the patrons and dispose of so much more liquor. In such cases quarrels invariably result and sometimes a free fight disturbs the neighborhood and attracts the police.

With Military and-Masonic Honors. Madison Veile of Fort Harrison, Mont., member of Military Lodge, No. 153, Missouri jurisdiction, was buried Tuesday with full military and Masonic honors at the Soldiers' Home, near this city. The Masonic services were under the auspices of Hiram Abiff Lodge, No. 3, of Washington. The lodge was represented by M. H. Hill. W. M.; Rev. Peter Lucas, S. W.; F. A. Jacksen, J. W.; J. M. Washington, chaplain; Rev. Cypress, assistant; J. N. Adams, P. G. M.; J. R. Brown, treasurer; W. A. Bell, secretary; Rev. W. A. Morton, senior deacon; Solomon Haskins, junior deacon; Jos. Thortan, senior steward; Wm. Bland, junior steward; Henry Schuler, tiler; D. F. Seville, P. G. M., marshal. There was a large attendance of soldiers, Masons and friends. Hiram Abiff Lodge, No. 3, of Washington.

GEORGETOWN ADV'TISEM'TS

"Liquid" Good Cheer! The liquid portion of your holiday good cheer will be beyond reproach if you look to us for your supply. Only those brands of Wines, Whiskies, Brandies, Champagnes and the like that have the merits of quality and age to recommend them are gathered here. Fine Old Logan Whisky, \$1.25 qt. Thomas L. Hume, 1204 324 St.

Gifts for Everybody! This little list of appropriate gifts may sug est just the thing you've been striving so hard

Blackford's, 3125 M Street. SPECIAL DRUG SALE.

Paine's Celery Compound. 65c.
Terraline 65c.
Pierce's Favorite Prescription. 65c.
Pure Cod Liver Oil, Parke, Davis & Co. 35c. pint
Phosphatic Emulsion, fresh daily. 39c. pint
Carter's Pills. 11c.
Scott's Emulsion. 12c.
Black Rubber Nipples, best make. 2 for 5c.
Absorbent Cotton, lb. packages. 20c.
O'DONNELL'S RELIABLE DRUG STORES,
22d and M. 32d and O. 3d and Pa. ave. s.e.
de4-18t.

AFFAIRS IN GEORGETOWN. Branch of Associated Charities-Petition in Railway Matter.

The Georgetown branch of the Associated Charities has established an office in the building occupied by the Citizens' Equitable Building Association, at the northwest corner of 31st and M streets. The cold stap of the past week has brought a number of applicants for aid, the number almost equaling the total number since the opening of the place. Relief will be and has been furnished to the needy poor on practically the same lines as last season, and all cases for aid will be fully investigated before any help is extended, to de-termine the worthiness of the applicant. Several people have applied at the station house for aid, but no relief could be afforded for the reason that the police department is no longer connected with the charity giving. The applicants were in all cases referred to the Associated Charities for relief ies for relief.

It is quite likely that a petition will be sent to Congress, signed by a large number of people of this section, requesting that the Falls Church electric road be permitted to cross the Aqueduct bridge. This is following up the recent agitation in the metter and many people of this certifor are matter, and many people of this section are jealous of what they term their rights. It is understood that the Pennsylvania railroad, which has control of the Mount Vernon electric road, is anxious to run an electric line to Falis Church. The Pennsylvania commany is said to be behind the sylvania company is said to be behind the movement to secure the right of way through the Arlington national cemetery, which is in a direct line with the extension of the electric road to Falls Church. If this right of way is secured the road will carry passengers direct, across the Long bridge, into Washington, leaving out Georgetown entirely. This is the sole cause for the agitation in favor of the present Falls Church read.

Yesterday afternoon William Norris was arrested for abstracting a copy of The Star from the premises of a subscriber. He was detected by Mr. Edward B. Loker the

Star from the premises of a subscriber. He was detected by Mr. Edward R. Acker, the collector for the Georgetown district. The boy was placed under arrest, and taken to the police station on a charge of petit larceny. Later he was released on \$2 collateral. Patrons of The Star who have complained of the non-delivery of the paper are in large part assured by this arrest that the carriers are not to blame. George Weaver, aged eighteen, and Henson Herbert, aged twenty-three, both colloted, were arrested yesterday afternoon by Policeman McGill Grove on suspicion of having stelen a ham from the grocery store of John Viers, on M street. The owner of the ham, however, is not able to identify

of John Viers, on M street. The owner of the ham, however, is not able to identify the article stolen, and this may result in the release of the accused men.

The public schools of this section closed today at noon for the Christmas holidays.

The police of this precinct were paid off this afternoon at the station, it being the serond payment under the new arrangement of affairs.

The Metropolitan Railroad Company has

The Metropolitan Railroad Company has successfully laid a new switch at 32d and P streets, where the tracks of the line are crossed by the Tenleytown electric road.



THE HURRYING FEET OF WOMEN

at the new-born infant's cry, tells the story of woman's sympathy for her sister-woman. If women would only spread the medical gospel, that a woman is unfitted for wife-hood and motherhood as long as she suffers from weakness or disease of the distinctly

from weakness or disease of the distinctly womanly organism, there would be less necessity for the sisterly sympathy that a woman receives when she is in the throes of child-bearing.

A woman who is thoroughly strong and healthy in a womanly way has to suffer comparatively little pain and sickness when she becomes a mother. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription acts directly on the delicate and important organs that hear the burdens and important organs that bear the burdens of maternity and gives them health, strength and elasticity. It allays inflamma-tion, heals ulceration and soothes pain. It banishes the discomforts of the faint-hearted period and makes baby's advent easy and almost painless. It insures the newcomer's health. Over 90,000 women have testified to its marvelous merits and many of them have permitted their experiences, names, addresses and photographs to be printed in Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser, so that other women may learn of this wonderful medicine. Good medicine dealers sell it.

"I am now real well," writes Mrs. Lillie Hibbard, of Merrill, Lincoln Co., Wis. "I have been doing my own housework, including washing and ironing. I hardly ever feel the pain in my side unless I lift hard. I took four bottles of Dr. Discole S. Northis becarioties on the College of the control of the college of the coll Pierce's Favorite Prescription, one of 'Golden Medical Discovery' and two bottles of 'Pleasant Pellets.' I have not been taking any medicine for over two months. This is the first time I have been well enough to do my work for over three years. Your medicine is all that helped me."

Send 21 one-cent stamps, to cover cost of mailing only, for a paper-covered copy of Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser. Cloth binding, 10 cents extra. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y. It is the most popular medical work in the English language. English language; it contains a thousand and eight pages, and over three hundred illustrations. It is a great storehouse of valuable information—a veritable medical library in one volume.



An Elgin's Usefulness

extends beyond the present generation. Its marvelous durability makes it an heirloom—always accurate.
Eigin Full Ruby Jeweled

movements represent the best in time-keeping machinery. In sizes for ladies and gentlemen. Approved Holiday gifts. An Elgin watch always has the word "Figin" engraved on the works — fully guaranteed.

Open Evenings Until Christmas,

Of bargain prices at Christmas time is almost more than the average merchant cares to dream of, much less put into practice, but that's what will be found at

House & Herrmann's This Week.

Christmas does not mean with us the marking up of goods on hand, or the adding of extra profits to new goods coming into our store. It simply means with us a time to sell more goods, get acquainted with more people, to build for the future.

Christmas Gifts Both Useful and Beautiful.

Solid Oak Desks
Solid Oak Wardrobes \$7.50
Decorated Lamp and Shade \$1.00
Roll-top 4-foot Desks\$15.00
Five-piece Parlor Suites
112-piece Decorated Dinner Sets \$8.75
Hall Stands, French Plate beveled
mirror \$3.50
Solid Oak Dressing Tables \$4.50
Brass and Onyx Tables \$3.75
Solid Oak Sideboards \$7.50
Solid Oak Chamber Sets\$12.50
Solid Oak Extension Tables \$3.50
Brass-rail Steel Beds, all sizes \$5.20
Forty-pound Hair Mattresses \$5.00
Gilt Chairs \$1.98
Cobbler-seat Rockers\$1.89

A full line of Combination Book Cases, Fancy Tables, Chiffoniers, Odd Parlor Pieces, Crockery, Cutlery, Glassware, Vases, Jardinieres and Bric-a-Brac of all kinds, Carpets, Rugs, Art Squares, etc., etc.

CASH OR CREDIT.

OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL CHRISTMAS.

HOUSE & HERRMANN. Liberal Furnishers, 7th and I Sts. N. W.

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Parker, Bridget & Co.

CLOSED ALL DAY XMAS DAY.

A Grand Christmas Eve Reduction Sale Boys' Clothing.

Saturday our usual day for reductions in the Boys' Department being Christmas, and this store being closed all day, we shall make our regular weekly bargain offerings in Boys' Clothing tomorrow-Christmas eve. This is a grand chance to give the boys some good Suits, Reefers and Overcoats at very little expense. No finer, tastier or handsomer garments are to be had in America at any price.

We'll wait for you until 10 o'clock tomorrow night.

A few dozen of those Boys' Handsome Cape Overcoats, in brown, blue black and Scotch plaids and fancy mixtures, sizes 3 to 16—regular price, \$4.98 \$7 and \$8. Tomorrow only.....



Boys' \$5, \$6 and \$7 Suits, \$3.98.

Mothers with large families will appreciate this opportunity to "suit" three boys at the usual cost of two. We offer 150 Boys' Reefer and Double-breasted Suits in nobby Scotch plaids and Fancy Mixed effects strong, durable fabrics and fast colors-sizes 4 to 16—always here-tofore \$5, \$6 and \$7. \$3.98

Deep Cuts in Boys' Reefers.

Tomorrow only.....

Just to make your visit here tomorrow interesting, we offer these special unprecedented reductions in Boys' Reefers-the most useful and elegant overgarments ever devised for the little men. Big qualities-but small quantities -so hurry up.

One lot of Boys' Handsome Blue Chinchilla Reefers-double-breasted, silk velvet collar, nicely finishedsizes 10 to 16-never sold below

\$4.50. Tomorrow only..... Lot of Boys' True Blue Chinchilla Reefers - double-breastedsilk velvet collars-handsomely lined throughout, ages 9 to 16-the regular standard \$5 grade. Tomorrow

only

Parker, Bridget & Co., Straightforward Clothiers, 315 7th Street.